

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1:

1. [A] An elongated bearing element (30) for hinging a wiper blade (10) to a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) of a windshield wiper, comprising a hub (36)[,] which is open over part of its circumference[,] and formed for placing the bearing element (30) onto a supporting bolt (28) of the wiper blade (10) [and when mounted, is held by the hook-shaped end (20) by way of], contracting faces (46,62, 66) and detent means [(76, 78)] [(70, 76, 78)] for holding the bearing element (30) by the hook-shaped end, two side walls (32, 34) that are connected by way of the hub (36), and a number of lateral struts (60, 64, 70) that extend in a longitudinal direction (38) on both sides of the hub (36) and guided laterally by legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20), wherein the clearance [clearances] (40, 42) between [guiding surfaces of] the side walls (32, 34) [are different sizes on opposite ends for guiding of wiper arms with different widths] corresponds to a width of the legs (72, 74), wherein for the wiper rod (18) with different widths it is mountable by turning substantially over 180° around the hub (36), and the side walls (32, 34) in the region for the legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20) of a smaller wiper rod (18) on one side of the hub (36) have a smaller clearance for lateral guidance, while the sidewalls (32, 34) in the region for the legs (72, 74) of a wider wiper rod (18) of the hook-shaped end (20) on another side of the hub (36) have a greater clearance for lateral guidance.

Amended Claim 1:

1. An elongated bearing element (30) for hinging a wiper blade (10) to a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) of a windshield wiper, comprising a hub (36) which is open over part of its circumference and formed for placing the bearing element (30) onto a supporting bolt (28) of the wiper blade (10), contracting faces (46, 62, 66) and detent means (76, 78) for holding the bearing element (3) by the hook-shaped end, two side walls (32, 34) that are connected by way of the hub (36), and a number of lateral struts (60, 64, 70) that extend in a longitudinal direction (38) on both sides of the hub (36) and guided laterally by legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20), wherein the clearance (40, 42) between the side walls (32, 34) corresponds to a width of the legs (72, 74), wherein for the wiper rod (18) with different widths it is mountable by turning substantially over 180° around the hub (36), and the side walls (32, 34) in the region for the legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20) of a smaller wiper rod (18) on one side of the hub (36) have a smaller clearance for lateral guidance, while the sidewalls (32, 34) in the region for the legs (72, 74) of a wider wiper rod (18) of the hook-shaped end (20) on another side of the hub (36) have a greater clearance for lateral guidance.

Claim 3:

3. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an outer contour of the hub (36) has a contact face (46) for a hook-shaped end (20) of the wiper rod (18), with a small bending radius (48) and a small material thickness (52) and a first lateral strut (60) is disposed at a distance (56) from the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the small [smaller] material thickness (52).

Amended Claim 3:

3. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an outer contour of the hub (36) has a contact face (46) for a hook-shaped end (20) of the wiper rod (18), with a small bending radius (48) and a small material thickness (52) and a first lateral strut (60) is disposed at a distance (56) from the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the small material thickness (52).

Claim 4:

4. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that on an [its] outer contour remote from the hub (36), [the] a first lateral strut (60) has a contact face (62) for a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) with a [larger] large bending radius (50) and a larger material thickness (54), and a second lateral strut (64) is disposed at a distance (58) from the first lateral strut (60) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the [larger] large material thickness (54).

Amended Claim 4:

4. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that on an outer contour remote from the hub (36), a first lateral strut (60) has a contact face (62) for a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) with a large bending radius (50) and a larger material thickness (54), and a second lateral strut (64) is disposed at a distance (58) from the first lateral strut (60) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the large material thickness (54).

Claim 6:

6. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an additional lateral strut (70) is disposed at ends of the side walls (32, 34) [which limits] for limiting a pivoting motion of the wiper rod (18) so that legs (72, 74) of a hook-shaped end (20) extend virtually parallel to the longitudinal direction (38) in [the] a mounted position.

Amended Claim 6:

6. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an additional lateral strut (70) is disposed at ends of the side walls (32, 34) for limiting a pivoting motion of the wiper rod (18) so that legs (72, 74) of a hook-shaped end (20) extend virtually parallel to the longitudinal direction (38) in a mounted position.



Claim 7:

7. The bearing element (30) according to claim 6, characterized in that on the side walls (32, 34), starting from the additional lateral [struts] strut (70), at least one detent projection (76, 78) of the detent means is disposed [in the inside], which in the mounted position, rests against [the] an inner side of [the] a long leg (72) of the hook-shaped end (20).

Amended Claim 7:

7. The bearing element (30) according to claim 6, characterized in that on the side walls (32, 34), starting from the additional lateral strut (70), at least one detent projection (76, 78) of the detent means is disposed, which in the mounted position, rests against an inner side of a long leg (72) of the hook-shaped end (20).

Claim 8:

8. The bearing element (30) according to claim 7, characterized in that in relation to the additional lateral [struts] strut (70), the at least one detent projection (76, 78) of the detent means is disposed offset toward the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) [to such an extent] so that the wiper rod (18) with a [smaller] small material thickness (52) and a [smaller] small bending radius (48) is held in a play-free manner with a slight inclination in relation to the longitudinal direction (38).

Amended Claim 8:

8. The bearing element (30) according to claim 7, characterized in that in relation to the additional lateral strut (70), the at least one detent projection (76, 78) of the detent means is disposed offset toward the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) so that the wiper rod (18) with a small material thickness (52) and a small bending radius (48) is held in a play-free manner with a slight inclination in relation to the longitudinal direction (38).